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SUBJ: CHILEAN REACTION TO SENATE ACTION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
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1. SANTIAGO PRESS GAVE SENATE ACTION FAIRLY WIDE COVERAGE, BASED
ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS AND INCLUDING REFERENCES TO PRESS FORD'S
REPORTED INTENTION TO VETO BILL.

2. REPORTS FEATURED STATEMENT OF JUNTA SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY
TO EFFECT THAT SENATE ACTION WAS ONE STEP IN US LEGISLATIVE PROCESS,
WHICH COMES UNDER US DOMESTIC POLITICS AND THUS IS NOT APPROPRIATE
FOR GOC COMMENT. ADDED THAT "NEVERTHELESS, WE CONSIDER THAT
THE UNITED STATES, AS A NATION, HAS ACCEDED TO AND SIGNED ITS
ADHERENCE TO TREATIES OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH ARE PERMANENT
INSTRUMENTS AND NOT SUBJECT TO THE POLITICAL CONTINGENCIES OF THE
SIGNATORY COUNTRIES." ACCORDING TO ONE VERSION, WILLOUGHBY CONCLUDED
ATHAT THE SENATE ACTION WOULD NOT COMPROMISE US-CHILEAN
RELATIONS, WHICH "ARE CURRENTLY VERY CORDIAL."
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